

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 4-24 are pending in this application. Claims 2 and 3 are canceled by the present response without prejudice, and claims 17-24 are added by the present response.

Claims 1, 3, 5, and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. patent 6,499,860 to Begemann. Claims 2, 4, 6, and 8 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were noted as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 9-16 are allowed.

Initially, applicants gratefully acknowledge the early indication of the allowable subject matter in claims 2, 4, 6, and 8-16.

With respect to that indication of the allowable subject matter, claim 1 is amended by the present response to now incorporate limitations from dependent claim 2, and accordingly dependent claim 2 is canceled. Thus, claim 1 now corresponds to original claim 2 rewritten in independent form, which subject matter was noted as allowable in the outstanding Office Action. Thus, amended independent claim 1, and the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

The present response also sets forth new claims 17-24 for examination that are believed to also recite allowable subject matter.

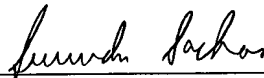
New independent claim 17 corresponds to original claim 1, but further recites the heat sink housing "forming an outer portion of the light bulb". That claim feature is fully supported by the original specification, for example referring to the center housing 25 in Figure 2 of the present specification, which is shown as an outer portion of the light bulb and that is noted as also operating as a heat sink. In the claim features the housing that operates as a heat sink is also an outer portion of the light bulb. Such a feature is believed to clearly distinguish over the teachings in Begemann.

More specifically, the outstanding rejection cites Begemann disclosing a board 3 supporting at least one LED 4, a base housing 2, and a heat sink 1. However, as clearly shown for example in Figure 1 of Begemann the element 1 is only internal to the light bulb and does not form a housing as an outer portion of the light bulb. Thus, applicants respectfully submit that element 1 does not correspond to the clarified "heat sink housing forming an outer portion of the light bulb ..." as required in new dependent claim 17, and the claims dependent therefrom. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit new independent claim 17, and claims 18-24 dependent therefrom, also distinguish over the applied art to Begemann.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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